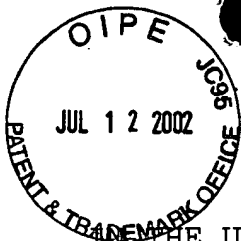


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: DOUGLAS RUGG)
SERIAL NO: 09/527,066 ✓) GROUP ART UNIT
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FOR: BAG FOR CARRYING A BALL) EXAMINER
STEPHEN P. GARBE)

Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This AMENDMENT is responsive to a Final Office Action under 37 CFR Section 1.113 dated January 25, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for response to this action to three (3) months from the date thereof requiring a response to be filed on or before April 25, 2002.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL NO. ET622184611US in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, D.C. 20231, on July 12, 2002.

Date of Signing: July 12, 2002
Signature: Donald J. McInerney
Date of Mailing: July 12, 2002

Pursuant to a Petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a), concurrently filed herewith, together with the fee required under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(3), the undersigned elects to extend the response date three (3) months from April 25, 2002 to July 25, 2002.

Applicant is filing this AMENDMENT in conjunction with the a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL under 37 CFR Section 1.114 on Form PTO/SB/30 together with the Fee of \$370.00 required under 37 CFR Section 1.17(e). The Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), is being filed in this Application after final rejection.

Since this Application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR has been timely paid, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the finality of the Office Action dated January 25, 2002 and to enter this submission in the form of this AMENDMENT.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to note that Claims 1-17 have been allowed in the Office Action Dated January 25, 2002. The filing of this Request for Continued Examination is to continue prosecution of Claims 18 through 22.